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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Requirement for [redacted] Photographic
Coverage of South China and North Vietnam

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REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-41.14/285 (COMOR-D-25/208)
7 March 1966, Special Limited Distribution
b. USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207)
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c. USIB-D-41.14/281 (COMOR-D-25/206)
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1. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB), at its 10 March meeting with the Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) present, considered and discussed the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) report on the subject in reference a., and took the following actions:

a. Following discussion of the Recommendations in paragraph 6. of reference a., agreed that, recognizing the urgency of the JCS intelligence requirement stated in the Attachment to USIB-D-41.14/281, it is the opinion of the USIB that the stated intelligence requirement can only be met in a timely and satisfactory way by the combined intelligence collection assets plus OXCART.

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b. Concurred in the Chairman's proposal that COMOR, with the assistance as required of CIA/OSA and other agencies, be directed to prepare for consideration at next week's Board meeting a comprehensive examination of problems involved in use of [REDACTED] U-2 as compared with the OXCART against the specific targets in South China and North Vietnam of concern to the JCS, and the probable extent to which each of these vehicles combined with KH-7 coverage could satisfy the JCS requirement. Factors to be taken into account are the specific priority targets involved, the probable defenses encountered in covering these targets, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the predictable number of days of operable cloud-free weather conditions, and the consequent number of successful missions. The findings should be presented as much as possible in graphic form to provide clear basic information to assist the policy makers.

c. Directed the Board of National Estimates and the USIB Representatives to prepare for next week's USIB meeting a Special National Intelligence Estimate on probable reactions to the deployment and use of the OXCART to meet JCS requirement.

2. A summary of the Board's discussion of this item will be circulated subsequently for information and attachment to this document.

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Executive Secretary

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